

**Christmas Books for Children  
Recommended by the  
New Bedford Free Public  
Library**



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## FOREWORD

"Books which children own are read again and again, therefore the greatest care should be taken in their selection. The first classics are the fables and Mother Goose, for they give children who have not yet formed the habit of concentration a whole story in a few words. Then come the fairy tales, myths and legends—the great dramatic and ethical stories which we inherit from our primitive ancestors. After those the boys like adventure and the girls, stories of home life and of romance. There are many such books which are of value. Some of them are by great authors, as Charles Lamb and Kingsley, as well as others by such writers as Mrs. Ewing and Howard Pyle, whose reputation rests chiefly upon their stories for children. However it may be, only a genius can write a fine book for children, and it is well to avoid the most recent publications, for many of them are very poor.

Next in importance to the choice of the books is the choice of the edition. The print must be clear and the binding attractive and durable. The pictures should be especially considered. Picture-books for the little children should be refined in thought and good in color and drawing, and the illustrations for the older children should be not only artistic but in the spirit of the story. Many of the editions in this list are inexpensive, but a few fine ones are given, for every child should own one or two beautiful books."

## PICTURE BOOKS AND BOOKS FOR LITTLE CHILDREN

Books which cost 75 cents or less

**Aunt Louisa's** book of easy poetry. Warne, 50c.

**Bannerman, Helen.** Story of little Black Sambo. Stokes, 50c.

**Brooke, Leslie.** Story of the three pigs. Warne, 50c.

**Brooke, Leslie.** Tom Thumb. Warne, 50c.

**Caldecott, Randolph.** Caldecott picture books. Warne, 25c each.

There are sixteen of these books.

**Caldecott, Randolph.** Picture books. (Miniature series.) 2v. Warne, 50c each.

**Cox, Palmer, illus.** Brownie primer. Century, 32c n.

**Crane, Walter.** Picture books. Lane, 25c each.

There are twenty-one of these books.

**Godolphin, Mary, ed.** Aesop's fables in words of one syllable. Burt, 50c.

**Goldsmith, Oliver.** History of little Goody Two Shoes; ed. by Charles Welsh. (Heath's home and school classics). Heath, 20c n.

**Greenaway, Kate.** A apple pie. Warne, 75c.

**Grover, E. O.** Folk-lore readers; illustrated by M. E. Webb. Bk. 1. Atkinson, 30c.

**Heller, Mrs. T. E., ed.** Jack and the bean stalk and Brother and sister. (Longman's infant fairy readers). Longmans, 15c n.

**Lang, Andrew, ed.** Cinderella; or, The little glass slipper and other stories. (Longmans' supplementary readers). Longmans, 20c n.

This list is the same as the one printed in 1907 by the Cleveland Public Library with the omission of 25 titles and the addition of 20 recent titles, which are marked with an asterisk.

- Lang, Andrew, ed.** History of Jack the giant-killer and other stories. (Longmans' supplementary readers). Longmans, 20c n.
- Lang, Andrew, ed.** History of Whittington and other stories. (Longmans, supplementary readers). Longmans, 30c n.
- Lang, Andrew, ed.** Little Red Riding-hood and other stories. (Longmans' supplementary readers). Longmans, 20c n.
- Lang, Andrew, ed.** Princess on the glass hill and other stories. (Longmans' supplementary readers). Longmans, 30c n.
- Mother Goose.** Mother Goose's nursery rhymes and nursery songs, set to music by J. W. Elliott. McLoughlin, 50c.
- Mother Goose.** Only true Mother Goose melodies; with an introd. by E. E. Hale. Lothrop, 60c.
- Pyle, Katharine.** Careless Jane and other tales. Dutton, 75c n.
- \*Richards, Laura E.** Pig brother. Little, 40c n.

#### MORE EXPENSIVE BOOKS

- Aesop.** Fables; selected, told anew and their history traced by Joseph Jacobs; illustrated by Richard Heighway. Macmillan, \$1.50.
- Baby days:** a new selection of songs, stories and pictures for very little folks. Century, \$1.50.
- Brooke, Leslie.** Golden goose book. Warne, \$1.00 n.
- Brooke, Leslie.** Johnny Crow's garden. Warne, \$1.00 n.
- Burgess, Gelett.** Goops and how to be them. Stokes, \$1.50.
- Caldecott, Randolph.** Picture books. 4v. Warne, \$1.25 each.



**Cox, Palmer.** Palmer Cox brownie books. Century, \$1.50 each.

There are seven of these books.

**Crane, Walter.** Bluebeard's picture book. Cinderella's picture book, Goody Two-shoes picture book, Mother Hubbard's picture book, Little Red Riding-hood's picture book, This little pig picture book. Lane, \$1.25 each.

**Dodge, M. M., comp.** New baby world. Century, \$1.50.

**Forsythe, Clarence.** Old songs for young America; illustrated by Blanche Ostertag. Doubleday, \$2.00.

**Francis, J. G.** Book of cheerful cats and other animated animals. Century, \$1.00.

**Greenaway, Kate.** Marigold garden. Warne, \$1.50.

**Hoffmann, Heinrich.** Slovenly Peter; or, Cheerful stories and funny pictures. Winston, \$1.00.

**Kipling, Rudyard.** Just so stories. Doubleday, \$1.20 n.

**Lear, Edward.** Nonsense songs; illustrated by Leslie Brooke. Warne, \$2.00.

**Mace, Jean.** Home fairy tales; tr. by M. L. Booth. Harper, \$1.50.

**Mother Goose** Mother Goose's melodies; ed. by W. A. Wheeler. Houghton, \$1.50.

**\*Page, T. N.** Tommy Trot's visit to Santa Claus. Scribner, \$1.00.

**Peary, J. (D.)** Snow baby; true story with true pictures. Stokes, \$1.20 n.

**Poulsson, Emile.** Runaway donkey. Lothrop, \$1.25.

**Taylor, Jane & Ann.** Little Ann and other poems; illustrated by Kate Greenaway. Warne, \$1.00.

## MYTHS AND FAIRY TALES

Books which cost one dollar or less

- Andersen, H. C.** Stories and tales. Houghton, \$1.00.
- Andersen, H. C.** Wonder stories told for children. Houghton, \$1.00.
- \*Blumenthal, Verra.** Folk tales from the Russian. Rand, 75c.
- Carroll, Lewis.** Alice's adventures in Wonderland; illustrated by Tenniel. Macmillan, \$1.00.
- Carroll, Lewis.** Through the looking-glass; illustrated by Tenniel. Macmillan, \$1.00.
- Collodi, C.** Adventures of Pinocchio. Ginn, 40c n.
- Grimm brothers.** Household fairy tales. McLoughlin, 75c n.
- Kingsley, Charles.** Water-babies; ed. by Amy Steedman; illustrated by Katherine Cameron. (Told to the children series). Dutton, 50c.
- \*Lansing, M. F.** comp. Tales of Old England in prose and verse. Ginn, 45c n.
- Mulock, D. M.** Little lame prince. Harper, 60c.
- Stockton, Frank.** Fanciful tales. Scribner, 50c n.
- Tappan, E. M.** Golden goose and other fairy tales translated from the Swedish. Houghton, \$1.00.
- Williston, T. P.** Japanese fairy tales; illustrated by Sanchi Ogawa. Rand, 75c.

Books which cost more than one dollar

- Andersen, H. C.** Fairy tales; illustrated by Helen Stratton. Lippincott, \$1.50.

- Arabian nights' entertainments;** ed. by Andrew Lang. Longmans, \$2.00.
- Browne, Frances.** Granny's wonderful chair and its tales of fairy times; illustrated by M. S. Lucas. Dutton, \$1.50.
- Carryl, C. E.** Davy and the goblin. Houghton, \$1.50.
- Grimm brothers.** Fairy tales; selected and edited for little folks; illustrated by Helen Stratton. Dutton, \$1.25.
- Hawthorne, Nathaniel.** Wonder book for girls and boys; illustrated by Walter Crane. Houghton, \$3.00.
- Johnson, Clifton, ed.** Oak-tree fairy book; favorite fairy tales; illustrated by Willard Bonte. Little, \$1.50.
- Kipling, Rudyard.** Jungle book. Century, \$1.50.
- Laboulaye, E. R. L. de.** Last fairy tales; tr. by M. L. Booth. Harper, \$2.00.
- Lang, Andrew.** Fairy books.—The best of these are The Blue, \$2.00; the Brown, \$1.60 n.; the Yellow, \$2.00; the Red, \$2.00; the Green, \$2.00. Longmans.
- Mabie, H. W.** Norse stories retold from the Eddas; illustrated by George Wright. Dodd, \$1.80 n.
- Macdonald, George.** At the back of the North wind. Lippincott, \$1.50.
- \*Mulock.** Little lame prince; illus. by Hope Dunlap. Rand, \$1.25.
- Pyle, Howard.** Pepper and salt. Harper, \$1.50.
- Scudder, Horace, comp.** Children's book: a collection of the best and most famous stories and poems in the English language. Houghton, \$2.50.
- Wiggin and Smith, eds.** Fairy ring. McClure, \$1.50.

## POETRY

"Children care first for poetry which has a jingle or which contains a story. Almost any child likes poetry when it is read to him although he cannot discover its beauty himself. The posy ring, The child's garden of verse and Sundown songs are particularly for younger children. See also books of poetry listed with Picture Books and Books for Little Children."

**Alexander, Mrs. C. F. (H.).** Hymns for little children; illustrated by Joan and Dorothea Drew. S. P. C. K., 35c.

**Blake, William.** Songs of innocence; illustrated by Geraldine Morris. Lane, 50c n.

**\*Brown, Abbie Farwell.** Fresh posies. Houghton, \$1.50.

**Lucas, E. V., comp.** Book of verses for children. Holt, \$2.00.

**\*Peabody, Josephine Preston.** Book of the little past. Houghton, \$1.50.

**Richards, L. E.** Sundown songs. Little, 50c.

**Shute and Dunton, comps.** Land of songs. 3 v. Silver.

v. 1 For young children. 36c n.

v. 2 For children from 10-13. 48c n.

v. 3 For boys and girls from 14-17. 54c n.

**Stevenson, R. L.** Child's garden of verse; illustrated by E. Mars and M. H. Squire. Rand, 75c.

**Wiggin and Smith, comps.** Golden numbers: a book of verse for youth. McClure, \$2.00 n.

**Wiggin and Smith, comps.** Posy ring: a book of verse for children. McClure, \$1.25 n.



## BIBLE STORIES AND STORIES OF SAINTS

**The Bible.** Old Testament stories; selected for the children by Edwin Chisholm; illustrated by R. T. Rose. (Told to the children series). Dutton, 50c.

**The Bible.** Stories from the life of Christ; selected for the children by J. H. Kelman; illustrated by F. D. Bedford. (Told to the children series). Dutton, 50c.

**Brown, A. F.** Book of saints and friendly beasts; illustrated by F. Y. Cory. Houghton, \$1.25.

**Bunyan, John.** Pilgrim's progress from this world to that which is to come; illustrated by Rhead brothers. Century, \$1.50.

**Foster, Charles.** Story of the Bible, told in simple language. Foster, \$1.50.

**Hodges, George.** When the King came; stories from the four Gospels. Houghton, \$1.25.

**Weedon, L. L.** Bible stories; illustrated by Ambrose Dudley. Dutton, \$2.50.

Can be purchased in 2 v. called Old Testament stories and New Testament stories. \$1.00 each.

## BOOKS FOR BOYS

Books which cost one dollar or less

**Austin, O. P.** Uncle Sam's secrets: a story of national affairs for the youth of all the nation. Appleton, 75c n.

**Barnes, James.** Hero of Erie: Oliver Hazard Perry. Appleton, \$1.00.

**Bostock, F. C.** Training of wild animals. Century, \$1.00 n.

- Carter, M. H., ed.** Lion and tiger stories, retold from St. Nicholas. Century, 65c n.
- Defoe, Daniel.** Robinson Crusoe. McLoughlin, 50c.
- Golding, Vautier.** Story of David Livingstone. (Children's heroes series). Dutton, 50c.
- Hale, E. E.** Man without a country. Little, 50c.
- Howard, C. J.** Book of conundrums and riddles. Dick, 50c.
- Meadowcroft, W. H.** A B C of electricity. Excelsior pub. co., 50.
- Nordhoff, Charles.** Man-of-war life. Dodd, 40c.
- Otis, James.** Toby Tyler; or, Ten weeks with a circus. Harper, 60c.
- Roberts, C. G. D.** Lord of the air. (Roberts' animal stories). Page, 50c.
- Schrader, Ferdinand.** Frederick the Great and the Seven years' war; tr. by G. P. Upton. (Life stories for young people). McClurg, 60c n.
- Seawell, M. E.** Paul Jones. (Young heroes of our navy-. Appleton, \$1.00.
- Stoddard, W. O.** Red mustang: a story of the Mexican border. Harper, 60c.

Books which cost more than one dollar

- \*Adams, Joseph Henry.** Harper's machinery book for boys. Harper, \$1.75.
- Aldrich, T. B.** Story of a bad boy. Houghton, \$1.25.
- \*Altshelter, J. A.** Forest runners. Appleton, \$1.50.
- Baldwin, James.** Story of Roland; illustrated by R. B. Birch. Scribner, \$1.50.

**Brooks, E. S.** Children's lives of great men series. Lothrop, \$1.50 each.

These stories are the True story of Columbus, Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Lafayette.

**Cervantes.** Don Quixote of the Mancha; retold by Judge Parry; illustrated by Walter Crane. Lane, \$1.50.

**Cooper, J. F.** Deerslayer; or, The first war-path. Putnam, \$1.25.

**Cooper, J. F.** Last of the Mohicans; or, A narrative of 1757. Putnam, \$1.25.

\***Day, Holman.** Eagle badge. Harper, \$1.25.

**Defoe, Daniel.** Robinson Crusoe; illustrated by the Rhead brothers. Harper, \$1.50.

**Famous adventures and prison escapes of the Civil war.** Century, \$1.50.

**French, Allen.** Junior cup. Century, \$1.50.

**French, Allen.** Story of Rolf and the Viking's bow. Little, \$1.50.

**Good, Arthur.** Magical experiments. McKay, \$1.25.

**Grinnell, G. B.** Jack among the Indians. Stokes, \$1.25.

**Hall, A. N.** Boy craftsman: practical and profitable ideas for a boy's leisure hours. Lothrop, \$2.00.

**Hill, C. T.** Fighting a fire. Century, \$1.50.

**Hughes, Thomas.** Tom Brown's school days. Macmillan, \$1.00.

**Kipling, Rudyard.** Puck of Pook's Hill. Doubleday, \$1.50.

**Lodge and Roosevelt.** Hero tales from American history. Century, \$1.50.

**Marryatt, Frederick.** Masterman Ready; or, The wreck of the Pacific; illustrated by Fred Pegram. Macmillan, \$1.50.

- Marvin and others.** Adventures of Odysseus; retold in English; illustrated by Charles Robinson. Dutton, \$1.50.
- \*Onken, W. H. and Baker, J. B.** Harper's how to understand electrical work. Harper, \$1.75.
- Parkman, Francis.** Oregon trail: sketches of prairie and Rocky-mountain life; illustrated by Remington. Little, \$2.00.
- Pendleton, L. B.** In the camp of the Creeks. Penn, \$1.25.
- Porter, Jane.** Scottish chiefs; illustrated by T. H. Robinson. Dutton, \$2.50.
- Pyle, Howard.** Men of iron. Harper, \$2.00.
- Pyle, Howard.** Merry adventures of Robin Hood. Scribner, \$3.00.
- Roosevelt, Theodore.** Ranch life and the hunting-trail; illustrated by Remington. Century, \$2.50.
- Scott, Sir Walter.** Quentin Durward. Estes, \$1.50.
- Seawell, M. E.** Twelve naval captains; a record of certain Americans who made themselves immortal. Scribner, \$1.25.
- Stevenson, R. L.** Treasure island; illustrated by Paget. Scribner, \$1.25.
- Stockton, Frank.** Buccaneers and pirates of our coasts. Macmillan, \$1.50.
- Swift, Jonathan.** Gulliver's travels; illustrated by C. E. Brock. Macmillan, \$1.50.
- Wheeler, C. G.** Woodworking for beginners. Putnam, \$2.50.
- White, S. E.** Magic forest. Macmillan, \$1.20 n.

## BOOKS FOR GIRLS

Books which cost one dollar or less

- Aanrud, Hans.** Lisbeth Longfrock; tr. from the Norwegian by L. E. Poulsson. Ginn, 40c n.



- Burrell, C. B.** Little cook book for a little girl. Estes, 75c.
- \***Duncan, Frances.** When mother lets us garden. Moffat, 75c n.
- Greenwood, Grace.** Stories from famous ballads; illustrated by E. H. Garrett. Ginn, 50c n.
- Henning, Friedrich.** Maid of Orleans; tr. by G. P. Upton. (Life stories for young people). McClurg, 60c n.
- Shaw, F. L.** Castle Blair. Little, \$1.00.
- Thackeray, W. M.** The rose and the ring; abridged by Amy Steedman. Illustrated. (Told to the children series). Dutton, 50c.
- White, E. O.** An only child. Houghton, \$1.00.
- White, Mary.** Child's rainy day book. Doubleday, \$1.00.

Books which cost more than one dollar

- Alcott, L. M.** Jack and Jill. Little, \$1.50.
- Alcott, L. M.** Little women; or, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. Little, \$1.50.
- Bennett, John.** Master Skylark; a story of Shakespere's time. Century, \$1.50.
- Chapin, A. A.** Story of the Rhinegold; told for young people. Harper, \$1.25.
- Craik, D. M.** John Halifax, gentleman; illustrated by Hugh Riviere. Harper, \$1.75.
- Darton, F. J. H.** Tales of the Canterbury pilgrims; retold from Chaucer and others; illustrated by Hugh Thomson. Stokes, \$1.50.
- Dickens, Charles.** David Copperfield. 2 v. Illustrated. Estes, \$3.00.
- Dix, B. M.** Merrylips. Macmillan, \$1.50.
- Dodge, M. M.** Hans Brinker; or, The silver skates: a story of life in Holland. (New Amsterdam edition). Scribner, \$1.50.

- Duncan, Frances.** Mary's garden and how it grew. Century, \$1.25.
- Earle, A. M., ed.** Diary of Anna Green Winslow, a Boston school girl of 1771. Houghton, \$1.25.
- \*Gould, E. L.** Felicia. Penn, \$1.00.
- Jackson, H. H.** Nelly's silver mine: a story of Colorado life. Little, \$1.50.
- Jewett, S. O.** Betty Leicester: a story for girls. Houghton, \$1.25.
- Keller, Helen.** Story of my life. Doubleday, \$1.50.
- Kelley, L. E.** Three hundred things a bright girl can do. Estes, \$1.75.
- Kirkland, Winifred.** Polly Pat's parish. Revell, \$1.00.
- Lamb, Charles and Mary.** Mrs. Leicester's school; illustrated by Winifred Green. Dent, \$2.25.
- Martin, G. M.** Abbie Ann. Century, \$1.50.
- Miller, O. T.** Kristy's queer Christmas. Houghton, \$1.25.
- Sherwood, Mrs. M. M. (B.)** Fairchild family; ed. by M. E. Palgrave; illustrated by F. M. Rudland. Stokes, \$1.50.
- Stuart, R. (M.)** Story of Babette: a little Creole girl. Harper, \$1.50.
- \*Taggart, M. A.** Little grey house. McClure, \$1.25.
- \*Tappan, Eva March.** Letters from Colonial children. Houghton, \$1.50.
- Wiggin, K. D.** Rebecca of Sunnybrook farm. Houghton, \$1.25.

## BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

In a family where there are both boys and girls, ten or more years old, one of these would be enjoyed.

Books which cost one dollar or less

- Eggleston, Edward.** Hoosier school-boy. Scribner, \$1.00.
- Hofman, M. C.** Games for everybody. Dodge, 50c.
- Ingersoll, Ernest.** Ice queen. Harper, 60c.
- Kelly, M. D.** Story of Sir Walter Raleigh; illustrated by T. H. Robinson. (Children's heroes series). Dutton, 50c.
- Lamb, Charles and Mary.** Tales from Shakespeare. Dutton, 50c.
- \*Marshall, H. E.** Stories of Beowulf. Dutton, 50c.
- Ouida.** Nürnberg stove. Page, 50c.
- Paine, A. B.** Arkansas bear; illustrated by Frank Verbeck. Altemus, \$1.00.
- Paine, A. B.** Little garden calendar for boys and girls. Illustrated. Altemus, \$1.00.
- \*Pyle, Howard.** Some merry adventures of Robin Hood. Scribner, 50c n.
- St. Nicholas** book of plays and operettas. Century, \$1.00.
- Stoddard, W. O.** Talking leaves: an Indian story. Harper, 60c.
- Thompson, Ernest Seton.** Krag and Johnny Bear. Scribner, 50c n.
- Van Dyke, Henry.** Story of the other Wise Man. Harper, 50c.

Books which cost more than one dollar

- Baldwin, James.** Story of Siegfried; illustrated by Howard Pyle. Scribner, \$1.50.

- Bennett, John.** Barnaby Lee. Century, \$1.50.
- Blanchan, Neltje.** How to attract the birds, and other talks about bird neighbors. Doubleday, \$1.35 n.
- Dickens, Charles.** Child's history of England; illustrated by Patten Wilson. Dutton, \$2.50.
- Dickens, Charles.** Nicholas Nickleby. Illustrated. 2 v. Estes, \$3.00.
- Grierson, E. W.** Children's tales from Scottish ballads. Black, \$2.00.
- Hale, L. P.** Peterkin papers. Houghton, \$1.50.
- Harris, J. C.** Uncle Remus; his songs and his sayings; illustrated by A. B. Frost. Appleton, \$2.00.
- \***Kipling.** Captains Courageous: a story of the Grand Banks. Century, \$1.50.
- \***Irving, Washington.** Child's Rip Van Winkle, adapted from Washington Irving. Stokes, \$2.00.
- Lamb, Charles and Mary.** Tales from Shakespeare; illustrated by N. M. Price. Scribner, \$2.50 n.
- Macleod, Mary.** Book of King Arthur and his noble knights: stories from Sir Arthur Malory's Morte d'Arthur; illustrated by A. G. Walker. Gardner, \$1.50.
- \***Plummer, M. W.** Roy and Ray in Canada. Holt, \$1.75 n.
- Pyle, Howard.** Otto of the silver hand. Scribner, \$2.00.
- Scott, Sir Walter.** Ivanhoe. Illustrated. Estes, \$1.50.
- Wallace, Lew.** Ben Hur: a tale of the Christ. Harper, \$1.50.
- Wyss, J. R.** Swiss family Robinson; ed. by W. H. G. Kingston; illustrated by H. Kley. Dutton, \$2.50.